

October 1, 2013

Dear Parents or Guardians,

This is a survey for families of students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) who received special education services during school year 2012 – 2013 (August 2012 – June 2013). This survey gives you a chance to provide input regarding those services, supports and your involvement and satisfaction.

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) collects this information and reports a summary to the US Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs by February 1st of the next year.

Your responses are important to OSSE and we want to know what you think. Your responses will be anonymous. Completing this survey will assist us in developing trainings and providing resources to families in the areas of family engagement. While the results of the survey will be shared with your child's local education agency (your child's school), no individual information (names, addresses or contact information etc.) will be shared about you and your child, or with your child's school.

If you have more than one child who received special education services, please feel free to complete a survey for each child.

The survey can be completed beginning <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>October 01</u>, <u>2013</u> and will remain open until <u>Friday</u>, <u>January 3</u>, <u>2014</u>. You can complete a paper survey or complete it online by using the following link <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K5SY2KR</u>.

If you have questions or need assistance in completing the survey, please contact Ms. Desirée Brown, Special Projects Manager, Community and Parent Relations, at 202-741-0271 or by email at osse.spedparentsurvey@dc.gov.

Thank you in advance for your participation, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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